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SUBJECT: US VOLUNTARY OFFER AND NPT RATIFICATION

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SUMMARY: PABSCH, ACTING CHIEF OF FONOFF ATOMIC ENERGY DEPARTMENT, TOLD EMBOFF THAT FRG WAS QUITE PLEASED WITH AUGUST WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS ON US VOLUNTARY OFFER AND HOPES BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS CAN BE CONTINUED IN BONN WITH AMBASSADOR PORTER FOLLOWING UPCOMING ROUND OF US/IAEA NEGOTIATIONS. FONOFF SOURCES ALSO OUTLINED PROBABLE TIMETABLE FOR GERMAN RATIFICATION OF NPT, EXPRESSING HOPE THAT FINAL PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION COULD BE OBTAINED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. GENERAL. PABSCH SAID THE GERMANS WERE WELL SATIS-
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FIED WITH THEIR AUGUST CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON

THE US VOLUNTARY OFFER. HE SAID THEY WERE PARTICULARLY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THE READINESS OF US OFFICIALS TO BRIEF THE GERMANS FULLY ON THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH IAEA. WHILE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW REMAIN BETWEEN THE US AND FRG ON THE AMERICAN RATIONALE, THE US POSITION IS NOW BETTER UNDERSTOOD. PABSCH EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT CLOSE BILATERAL CONTACTS ON THIS TOPIC BE MAINTAINED AND SAID THE FRG WOULD, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, INVITE AMBASSADOR PORTER TO VISIT BONN FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWING THE NEXT ROUND OF US/IAEA NEGOTIATIONS DUE TO START SEPTEMBER 26 IN VIENNA.

2. JAPAN. PABSCH ALSO EXPRESSED FRG SATISFACTION WITH US REAFFIRMATION OF THE AMERICAN POSITION DESCRIBED REFTEL PARA 2. THE GERMANS ARE PLEASED WITH THE CLEAR US STATEMENT THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE US VOLUNTARY OFFER WAS NOT RPT NOT CONTINGENT ON SUBMISSION OF JAPANESE INSTALLATIONS TO AGENCY SAFEGUARDS. ON THE OTHER HAND, BONN RECOGNIZES US WISH THAT ACTUAL AMERICAN IMPLEMENTATION BE WITHHELD PENDING CONCLUSION OF IAEA/JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS. THEY WILL BE PREPARED FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH US IN THE EVENT JAPAN DOES NOT RATIFY THE NPT, BUT UNDERSTAND THAT, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE US WOULD NONETHELESS IMPLEMENT ITS VOLUNTARY OFFER.

3. SCOPE OF US/IAEA AGREEMENT. PABSCH SAID HE THOUGHT THE WASHINGTON TALKS HAD CLARIFIED POSITIONS ON BOTH SIDES. THE GERMANS AGREED WITH THE US POINT THAT SAFEGUARDS SHOULD BE MEANINGFUL AND NOT TOO THIN. HE THOUGHT THE US ALSO UNDERSTOOD THE GERMAN POSITION IN REFTEL PARA 3, INCLUDING THE GERMAN WISH THAT THE US NOT BLOCK AGENCY RIGHT TO SELECT THOSE US CIVILIAN INSTALLATIONS TO BE SAFEGUARDED IN A GIVEN YEAR OR TIME.

4. ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INSTALLATIONS. PABSCH WELCOMED US "ASSURANCE" THAT, TO THE EXTENT IT DID NOT AFFECT NATIONAL SECURITY, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONSIDER SAFEGUARDS IN US DIFFUSION AND ENRICHMENT

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FACILITIES.

5. QUANTITY OF AGENCY INSPECTIONS. PABSCH ACKNOWLEDGED INITIAL "RESERVE AND RELUCTANCE" OF US OFFICIALS REGARDING USE OF ALREADY EXISTING US NATIONAL SAFEGUARD AUTHORITY. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING, HOWEVER, THAT US OFFICIALS READY TO CONSIDER THIS POSSIBILITY, AS EXPLAINED REFTEL PARA 5, IN ORDER TO REDUCE IAEA SAFE-

GUARDING EFFORT.

6. INSTALLATIONS WITH PARTIAL MILITARY USES. PABSCH REPEATED GERMAN HOPE IN REFTEL PARA 7 THAT US COULD CONSIDER PROVIDING AT LEAST REPORTS TO THE AGENCY ON THE CIVILIAN PARTS OF INSTALLATIONS WHICH ALSO HAVE SOME MILITARY USES. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT US CAREFULLY VOICED NO OBJECTIONS IN PRINCIPLE, BUT ALSO MADE NO COMMITMENTS ON THIS TOPIC.

7. GERMAN RATIFICATION OF NPT. NOTING THAT FIRST READING OF NPT HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE IN BUNDESRAT (BONN 9906), PABSCH SAID FRG CABINET WOULD APPROVE ANSWERS TO BUNDESRAT QUESTIONS THIS WEEK AND WOULD ALSO SUBMIT LAWS ON NPT AND EURATOM/IAEA RATIFICATION SHORTLY TO BUNDESTAG. FRG HOPES THAT RATIFICATION PROCESS WILL BE CONCLUDED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. BUNDESTAG RATIFICATION MUST COME BEFORE FURTHER BUNDESRAT CONSIDERATION. MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THREE BUNDESTAG COMMITTEES--ECONOMIC, LEGAL, AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. FONOFF HOPES CONSIDERATION WILL BE GENERAL RATHER THAN DETAILED AND TECHNICAL IN CHARACTER. FONOFF PRESENTLY HOPING THAT CDU/CSU OPPOSITION WILL INTERPOSE NO OBJECTIONS. IN THIS LATTER CONNECTION, PABSCH NOTED RECENT ARTICLE OPPOSING NPT WHICH WAS WRITTEN IN CSU JOURNAL BAYERN KURIER BY CSU BAVARIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTY. HE ALSO NOTED LETTER TO CHANCELLOR BY CDU DEPUTY MERTES RAISING QUESTIONS OF POSSIBLE ECONOMIC DISCRIMINATION. DESPITE THESE SIGNS, FONOFF STILL HOPEFUL FOR RATIFICATION WITH SUPPORT OF ALL MAJOR PARTIES BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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